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Wallace Has Second Thought About Senate

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (UPI) — Gov. George C. Wallace is seriously considering running for the late Sen. James B. Allen's unexpired Senate term, a press aide said today.

"The governor has renewed some interest in that two-year term," said Billy Joe Camp, Wallace's press secretary. "The governor has received a heavy outpouring of letters and phone calls asking him to run."

Wallace announced May 16 that he was pulling out of the Senate race to succeed retiring Sen. John J. Sparkman, saying he did not want to move to Washington, D.C.

But Camp said Wallace began reassessing his political future after Allen died last Thursday. Allen's term expires in January 1981.

"He first felt he had made a good decision," said Camp. "But it's coming home to him more and more that after January Alabama won't have an experienced man in Washington.

"It's true the governor won't have the seniority, but he is known and he would have clout," Camp added.

Camp said Wallace will probably call a special election this week to fill Allen's unexpired term. Wallace will also be required to appoint a successor to Allen until the special election, which will probably coincide with the regular elections in the fall.